Fiscally Alaskan: Moving towards Solutions
Saturday, Oct 1, 2016

9:00 - 9:05  Welcome: Cliff Groh, Chair, Alaska Common Ground; Charles Wohlforth, journalist and author

9:05 – 9:25  How the Fiscal System Works and Why We Have a Deep Structural Deficit
Status of Revenues and Taxes; Trends in Spending and Use of Savings
Cliff Groh; Larry Persily, former Deputy Alaska Commissioner of Revenue and former Federal Coordinator, Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects

9:25 – 10:10  No Silver Bullets: Elements of Solutions
Increases in Oil Prices/Production; AKLNG; Economic Diversification; Taxes, Use of Permanent Fund Income, etc.
Larry Persily; Dan Dickinson, Alaska oil and gas tax consultant; Cliff Groh

10:10 – 10:25  Impacts of Various Proposals on Jobs and Incomes
Mouhcine Guettabi, Assistant Professor of Economics, ISER

10:25 – 10:45  Oil and Tax Credits and Proposals for Change
Dan Dickinson

10:45 – 11:00  Break

11:00 – 12:00  Scenarios for Solutions
Randy Hoffbeck, Commissioner of Revenue; Ric Davidge, United for Liberty; Rick Halford, former legislator; Representative Paul Seaton; Robin Brena, oil and gas attorney

12:00 – 12:30  Lunch (preorder only at akcommonground.org)
Play Alaska’s Fiscal Balance Game

12:30 – 1:00  Improvisational Comedy
Urban Yeti

1:00 – 1:20  The Truth about Alaska’s Economy
Neal Fried, economist; Charles Wohlforth

1:20 – 1:35  Anchorage Experience/Challenges to Stability
Susanne Fleek-Green, Chief of Staff for Mayor Berkowitz
1:35 – 1:45  The Case for Substantial Budget Cuts, with Specifics
Michael Chambers, United for Liberty

1:45 – 1:55  Connecting the Budget to Alaska’s Quality of Life
Ivan Moore, pollster

1:55 – 2:10  Considering Public Opinion on the Hard Choices
Diane Kaplan, President and CEO, Rasmuson Foundation; interviewed by
UAA MPA student Carla Burkhead

2:10 – 2:20  Values-Based Policy and Governance
Sheila Selkregg, Assistant Professor UAA, Economics and Public Policy

2:20 – 2:40  Political Frameworks, Interest Groups, and Power Structures
Cliff Groh; Sheila Selkregg; Dan Fauske, former President, Alaska Gasline
Development Corporation; Jewel Jones, former Director, Department of
Health and Human Services, Municipality of Anchorage, and former CEO,
Anchorage Community Land Trust

2:40 – 2:55  Feeling the Pain: Impacts of Budget Cuts on Things We Value
Sheila Selkregg; Khyrs Duddleston, Professor of Biological Sciences, UAA;
Mike Bronson, Education Chair, NAACP

2:55 – 3:10  Break

3:10 – 3:40  Moving Forward: Rapid-Fire
Jasmin Smith, The Business Boutique; Derrick Green, Waffles and Whatnot;
Donteh DeVoe, The Solution Project; Neisha Jones, Phenom Meals; Darryl
Waters, Alaska WorkSource; Tasha Hotch, Safety on our Sidewalks

3:40 – 4:10  Defining Common Ground
Deena Mitchell, Great Alaska Schools; Drew Cason, Our Alaska; Bill Popp,
Anchorage Economic and Development Corporation; Curtis Thayer, Alaska
Chamber

4:10 – 4:20  Moving to Action: Public Engagement
Sheila Selkregg

4:20 – 4:30  Closing Remarks, Drawing for Gift Certificates, and Review of Upcoming
Events
Rashmi Prasad, Dean, College of Business and Public Policy; Cliff Groh

4:30  Adjourn